

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc.****Project Title:**

# Alaska Brain Injury Network, Inc. - Virtual Resource Center Computers and Library Materials

**State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000****House District: 27 - N**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Purchase Computers &amp; Library Materials for Virtual Resource Library

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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Alaska has the highest incidence of identified Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's) in the United States, 28% higher than the national rate. In rural areas, the incidence rate is more than twice the statewide rate, 220/100,000. More than 40% of returning Veterans will be returning to their homeland with a blast injury or traumatic brain injury. This program is essential in insuring that civilians and Veterans alike have access to the information and resources needed to pave one's path through the intricate and often disjointed brain injury service delivery system.

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\$25,000 Software Development

\$15,000 Resource Materials and Assistive Audio, Visual and Cognitive Technology

Information and resources included in the resource center will be comprehensive and specific to the individuals' needs and criteria. It will include information on social security, benefits, funding sources and veteran eligibility criteria. As well as the capability to develop a road map for the consumer based on their specific needs along the continuum of care; acute,

post-acute, case management, educational, vocational, housing, and respite needs for persons and their families affected by brain injury.

There are 10,000 plus Alaskans currently living with a brain injury. Eight hundred (800) Alaskans were discharged from the Emergency Department last year with a traumatic brain injury. In an instant the lives of Alaskans are changing because of mild, moderate, and severe brain injuries. Because no one is immune from brain injury and the only cure for brain injury is prevention, accessible and appropriate supports and resources are needed so that Alaskan families can see past the pain and move forward towards recovery.

**Project Timeline:**

Project will begin when funds become available

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Alaska Brain Injury Network

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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To: Senator Lesil McGuire  
From: Jill Hodges, Executive Director  
Date: April 16, 2007  
Subject: Capital Budget Request: \$50,000, Virtual Resource Center and Infrastructure

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